GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:113
ANSWERED ON:01.08.2005
CLOSED SUGAR MILLS
Narhire Smt. Kalpana Ramesh

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether several sugar mills are lying closed in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the assistance provided by the Government for the revival of the said mills alongwith the number of mills revived till date;

(d) whether unemployment has increased due to closure of the said mills;

(e) if so, whether the workers of the said mills have been provided or proposed to be provided alternative employment; and

(f) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 113 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 1.8.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): A statement showing State-wise details of sugar mills which remained closed during 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 sugar seasons is at Annexure.

(c), (d), (e) & (f): It is the responsibility of the entrepreneur to take steps to reopen/revive the closed sugar mills. The sick mills belonging to private and public sectors are covered under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985 (SICA). Such sugar mills are required to make a reference to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) whenever their accumulated losses become equal to or more than the net-worth. If the rehabilitation schemes sanctioned by BIFR provide for any relief/concession from this Ministry, the scheme is considered as per the existing guidelines.

As regards the cooperative sugar mills a Committee has been constituted by the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution (Department of Food and Public Distribution) to consider the proposals of the potentially viable sick sugar mills of this sector.

The Central Government has provided a loan of Rs.20.89 crores to 3 sick sugar mills for modernization and rehabilitation.

The interests of workers employed in sick/closed sugar undertakings are protected by owners/promoters and State Governments (in case of PSUs) as per the relevant Acts and Regulations.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 113 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 1.8.2005 IN THE LOK SABHA. State wise list of sugar mills which did not work during 2003-04 and 2004-05.

Position as on 30-06-2005

STATE	2003-2004	2004-2005
Punjab	1	3
Rajasthan	2	2
Uttar Pradesh	19	17
Madhya Pradesh	5	5

Gujrat	7	5
Maharashtra	49	89
Bihar	18	19
Assam	3	3
Andhra Pradesh	14	8
Karnataka	13	12
Tamil Nadu	4	4
Orissa	4	2
West Bengal	1	1
Nagaland	1	1
Kerala	2	2
Pondicherry	1	1
Haryana	2	
Total	144	176